

So I say to my Senate colleagues that we must review any agreement carefully. Just as I have said that we should not accept it out of hand, so I do not believe that we should reject it out of hand. I believe that issues related to nuclear security, human rights and Taiwan are all important issues.

Mr. President, I believe that each of in the Senate need to take a close look at the agreement and weigh it in the context of all U.S. interests. Until we have done that, Mr. President, we should "keep our powder dry."

STATEMENT TO CHINA

Mr. President, before I conclude, let me also send a message to China. I believe that the window of opportunity for China's accession to the WTO is closing rapidly. The next WTO round begins in November in Seattle. If we cannot reach agreement on WTO accession, it may be many years before this opportunity arises again.

Let me say this clearly to the Chinese leadership: If you are willing to negotiate in good faith, if you are willing to agree to a commercially viable agreement and to eliminate phony barriers to the import of Pacific-Northwest wheat and other products, then I will be willing to support China's accession to the WTO. And I think that many of my colleagues feel the same way. But if you are not willing to take that step; if you are not willing to agree to free and fair trade, then I will oppose China's accession to the WTO and I will urge the Administration to join me in that opposition.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Mr. President, China's pending accession must be considered carefully.

This Administration must closely scrutinize any agreement to ensure that it meets the "commercially powerful" test. If the offer is genuine and sound, the Administration should work toward an agreement, if it falls short, then the United States should wait.

We in the Senate should "keep our powder dry." That is to let calmer heads prevail by not pre-judging the agreement.

Instead we should play an active role in the negotiations and lend our input as we work toward a successful agreement.

And finally, China must make every effort to demonstrate its desire to enter the global marketplace by bringing forth a commercially meaningful offer. The ball is in China's court.

In sum, I would say that Premier Zhu's visit offers us an immensely important opportunity to define the course of our overall U.S.-China relationship. I welcome his visit and hope my colleagues and the Administration will do the same.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12 NOON MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1999

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate, under the previous order, will stand adjourned until 12 noon, Monday, April 12, 1999.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10:42 p.m., adjourned until Monday, April 12, 1999, at 12 noon.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 25, 1999:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JOHNNIE E. FRAZIER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, VICE FRANK DEGEORGE, RESIGNED.

THE JUDICIARY

JAMES W. KLEIN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, VICE STANLEY S. HARRIS, RETIRED.

ELLEN SEGAL HUVELLE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VICE JOHN GARRETT PENN, RETIRED.

BARBARA M. LYNN, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, VICE HAROLD BAREFOOT SANDERS, JR., RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MARSHALL S. SMITH, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, VICE MADELEINE KUNIN.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate March 25, 1999:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ROSE EILENE GOTTEMÖLLER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (NON-PROLIFERATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY).

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. EUGENE L. TATTINI, 3329.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. HAROLD L. TIMBOE, 9807.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. WILLIAM C. JONES, JR., 9159.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL V. HAYDEN, 0513.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. REGINALD A. CENTRACCHIO, 0724.

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be Rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. EDWARD J. FAHY, JR., 2444.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) DANIEL R. BOWLER, 8602.
REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN E. BOYINGTON, JR., 1186.
REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN V. CHENEVEY, 1818.
REAR ADM. (LH) ALBERT T. CHURCH, III, 9703.
REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN P. DAVIS, 4560.
REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN B. FOLEY, III, 8786.
REAR ADM. (LH) VERONICA A. FROMAN, 7314.
REAR ADM. (LH) ALFRED G. HARMS, JR., 7295.
REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN M. JOHNSON, 9184.
REAR ADM. (LH) TIMOTHY J. KEATING, 8508.
REAR ADM. (LH) ROLAND B. KNAPP, 2486.
REAR ADM. (LH) TIMOTHY W. LAFLEUR, 3609.
REAR ADM. (LH) JAMES W. METZGER, 6693.
REAR ADM. (LH) RICHARD J. NAUGHTON, 8886.
REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN B. PADGETT, 6225.
REAR ADM. (LH) KATHLEEN K. PAIGE, 7645.
REAR ADM. (LH) DAVID P. POLATY, III, 4771.
REAR ADM. (LH) RONALD A. ROUTE, 7031.
REAR ADM. (LH) STEVEN G. SMITH, 5244.
REAR ADM. (LH) RALPH E. SUGGS, 6624.
REAR ADM. (LH) PAUL F. SULLIVAN, 4503.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS A PERMANENT PROFESSOR OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 4333 (B):

To be colonel

PATRICK FINNEGAN, 1878.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING CHRISTOPHER D. LATCHFORD, AND ENDING JAMES E. BRAMAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 8, 1999.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING LEE G. KENNARD, AND ENDING MICHAEL E. THOMPSON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 8, 1999.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WESLEY D. COLLIER, AND ENDING THOMAS L. MUSSELMAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 8, 1999.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING DAVID E. BELL, AND ENDING HOWARD LOCKWOOD, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 8, 1999.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING *JAN E. ALDYKIEWICZ, AND ENDING *LOUIS P. YOB, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 8, 1999.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING TIMOTHY K. ADAMS, AND ENDING DERRICK B. ZIEGLER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 8, 1999.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

STANLEY A. PACKARD, 3502.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

TODD D. BJORKLUND, 3251

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

TAREK A. ELBESHESHY, 8897.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING GLEN C. CRAWFORD, AND ENDING LEONARD G. ROSS, JR., WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 8, 1999.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING STEVEN W. ALLEN, AND ENDING DANIEL C. WYATT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 8, 1999.